



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 24-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Santa Clarita – Newhall Schools Put Virtual Lessons on Hold Due to Ransomware Attack

(U) Newhall School District officials put virtual classes on hold as staff worked to secure student and faculty technology following a ransomware attack. The district became aware of the attack on Monday and notified parents to stay off the district's technology. Officials advised the "best case" scenario would have the district offline for a day and releasing pen and paper lesson plans. The district is currently looking to identify the potential exposure.

SOURCE: 14 September 2020, [Santa Clarita Valley Signal](#)

#### (U) San Francisco – State and Federal Authorities Arrest 26 Suspected Sureños, Four Homicide Charges

(U) Twenty-six suspected Sureños members and associates have been charged with serious crimes, including murder. Bay area officials announced the arrests after a years-long law enforcement operation targeting the Southern California-based gang that has earned a reputation for violent reprisals against informants and rivals. Known as Operation Boulevard Blues, the FBI and Concord police-led operation brought four Contra Costa homicide investigations to a close and resulted in 11 suspects facing murder and gang charges in state court. Additionally, 15 suspects face federal charges for distributing large amounts of heroin and meth out of Concord.

SOURCE: 15 September 2020, [East Bay Times](#)

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) Texas – World Trade Bridge Officers Intercept Methamphetamine Worth Over \$1.8 Million

(U) Laredo – US Customs and Border (CBP) Protection intercepted a trailer containing meth with an estimated street value of more than \$1.8 million at the World Trade Bridge over the weekend. The incident occurred when CBP officers intercepted an empty trailer arriving from Mexico. After an inspection, officers discovered 92.99 pounds of alleged methamphetamine in the trailer. The narcotics have an estimated street value of \$1,859,800. The narcotics and trailer were seized and the suspect was turned over to federal agents for processing.

SOURCE: 15 September 2020, [US CBP](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Arizona – Suspect Arrested in Drive-by Shooting Outside Courthouse that Injured Officer

(U) Phoenix – An arrest has been made in an apparent drive-by-shooting outside a federal courthouse in Phoenix. A court security officer was wounded in the shooting, which occurred near the Sandra Day O'Connor US Courthouse. About three hours after the shooting, authorities announced that a suspect was in custody and there was no continued threat to public safety. The officer was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

SOURCE: 15 September 2020, [ABC News](#)

**(U) Iowa – Two Men Arraigned on State Terrorism Charge for Allegedly Driving through Police Building**

(U) Muscatine – Two Muscatine men are charged with terrorism after allegedly trying to drive a car through the front of the Muscatine Police Department. Authorities advised that the two men allegedly aimed a vehicle at the building and jump out as the vehicle continues toward the building. The unoccupied vehicle hit an in-ground flagpole, stopping before reaching the building. No one was injured and the individuals were arrested shortly after the incident.

SOURCE: 15 September 2020, [Sioux City Journal](#)

**(U) Massachusetts – Men Hacked US Websites after Killing of Iranian General**

(U) Boston – Two computer hackers have been indicted on charges that they defaced websites across the US in retaliation to the killing of Iran Gen. Qassem Soleimani. The suspects, whom authorities believe to be living in Iran and the Palestinian territories, are accused of hacking into US websites and replacing their content with pictures of the top Iranian general and other propaganda. The men are charged with one count of conspiring to commit intentional damage to a protected computer and one count of intentionally damaging a protected computer.

SOURCE: 14 September 2020, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

**(U) Washington – Chinese Firm Collects Data of US Leaders, Military**

(U) District of Columbia – Social media and other online data on both prominent Americans and the US military has been collected since 2017 by a Chinese technology company that purportedly markets itself to clients in the country's military, government and commercial sector. The findings follow the retrieval of a copy of Shenzhen Zhenhua Data Technology's database by an Australian cybersecurity firm that found it unsecured on the Internet. The data cache, called the Overseas Key Information Database, allegedly offers insights into more than two million foreign political, military, and business leaders – including at least 50,000 Americans. It also provides details regarding countries' infrastructure, military deployments, and public opinion analysis.

SOURCE: 15 September 2020, [Fox News](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Iraq – Explosive Device Hits British Diplomatic Vehicle in Baghdad**

(U) Baghdad – A British diplomatic vehicle was hit by an explosive device on the airport road in Baghdad. A homemade explosive device that was planted on the side of the road caused the explosion. The attack was the first of its kind on a diplomatic convoy along that particular road in years. No one was injured from the explosion.

SOURCE: 15 September 2020, [Reuters](#)

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